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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE OPIC INVESTMENT MISSION TO MOROCCO

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1. FOLLOWING PRO FORMA INQUIRY TO ODI DIRGEN BELKHAYAT RE STATUS OF KEARNS CONTRACT IN EARLY JUNE, DURING WHICH HE REPORTED ISSUE WAS STILL UNDER STUDY, WE CONTACTED ODI AGAIN ON JUNE 19 TO SECURE UP-DATE, PER REFTEL REQUEST. DEPUTY DIRGEN BENABDERRAZIK REPORTED THAT DECISION HAD NOW BEEN REACHED TO ENTER INTO RELATIONSHIP WITH KEARNS, AND THAT CONTRACT WOULD BE SIGNED BY ODI "IN NEXT FEW DAYS".

2. TWO REASONS HAD MOTIVATED ODI'S DELAY IN SIGNING. IN EARLIER CONVERSATION WITH BELKHAYAT, HE MADE POINT THAT ODI HAD BEEN CONSIDERING SENDING 2 INDIVIDUALS TO UNIDO'S NEW YORK OFFICE FOR PROMOTING INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN LDCS (AN ACTIVITY WHICH ODI UNDERSTOOD WAS SUPPORTED BY OPIC) THIS AS A POSSIBLE WAY TO ACHIEVE SAME END AS KEARNS PROPOSAL BUT AT LOWER COST. ACCORDING TO BENABDERRAZIK, ODI HAD REVIEWED UNIDO OPTION AND CONCLUDED THAT WHILE USEFUL AND

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WORTH IMPLEMENTING, IT COULD NOT SUBSTITUTE FOR KEARNS ACTION-PLAN. RECALLING OPIC PROPOSAL FOR A TRADE MISSION TO MOROCCO, BENABDERRAZIK SAID THIS WOULD BE MOST WELCOME BUT THAT IT SHOULD NECESSARILY BE COORDINATED WITH OVERALL KEARNS WORK PROGRAM. AS BENABDERRAZIK SAW IT, OPIC MISSION, KEARNS ACTIVITIES, AND ODI'S PARTICIPATION IN UNIDO OFFICE SHOULD BE MADE AS MUTUALLY RE-INFORCING AS POSSIBLE. ONE

POSSIBLE WAY WOULD BE FOR KEARNS TO PLAY ROLE OF BACK-STOP
AND FOLLOW-UP TO OPIC MISSION IF THIS ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH
PARTIES.
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